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***Australian Slang***

- Australian slangs are commonly referred to as **“*strine*”**

- No exact records of the origin of Australian slangs

- Studies show that Australian slangs are more or less a continuous history of English slang from the 17th century, which was referred to as **“*cant*”**

- The Three Historical Eras that Contributed to Australian Slang:

**1. The Convict Era**

- Between 1788 and 1852 convicts were transported from Britain to Australia

- The first record of Australian English was an account of convict language, which is referred to as “the Flash Language”

**2. The Gold Rush Era**

- 19th century

- provided Australian English with some lasting terms

**3. First World War**

- Australian slang was modified by the assimilation of foreign words🡪died down

- Words that helped the soldiers define their sense of Australian identity are still used

-Features of Australian Slang:

**1. Substitutions**

1) Rhyming slang: removing one part of a phrase and replacing it with a word that rhymes (Barry Crocker: shocker)

2) Metaphor: one word or idea stands in for another (Woop-woop: middle of nowhere/ Banana Bender: someone from Queensland)

**2. Abbreviatio**ns: words ending with “ie/y/o” (barbie: barbecue/ arvo: afternoon)

**3. Analogies** (dry as a dead dingo’s donger: very dry or thirsty)

**4.** **Reversals** (stretch: a short person/ curly: bald)

**🡪Black Humor and Irony** (somewhat insulting and vulgar)

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